

# ASNMU UPDATE

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 5, 2017

Presented by Tristan Ruiz, ASNMU President

# ASNMU ELECTIONS

- Our elections are complete! Our new board met for the first time on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:30pm.
- I have been reelected for another term as President and Connor has been elected for his first full time as Vice President
- We have four returning members of our General Assembly
  - **Bianca White, Sarah Head, Patrick Grundy, and Jamie Glenn**
- ... And four new members to ASNMU!
  - **Chloe Anderson, Gwyneth Harrick, Lana Wilson, Simon Moesch**



# CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM

- ASNMU called for a referendum of our Constitution late this semester in order to make one single change: ensure the new residence halls, the Woods, were represented on our General Assembly
- The language was drafted and approved by students, very straightforward

## **Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) Constitution**

### **Preamble**

We, the students enrolled at the Marquette campus of Northern Michigan University, in order to provide for democratic self-governance, to insure the preservation of student rights, to take action in the best interest of the student body and university community, to provide an official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, and to promote the academic, social, and cultural well-being of all students, hereby establish the legislative assembly, executive, and judicial branches of the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University.

# PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES

- Sarah Head, our Chair for Student Affairs, has worked on streamlining the **ASNMU Bike Share** with the LRC and Lydia Olson Library
  - Reworked protocol between LRC and ASNMU
  - Trying to expand the bikes
- She and Connor have completed the **24 Hour Study Lounge** in Jamrich with snacks and destressing activities for students; an annual event
- Patrick Grundy and Sarah have also been doing inventory of our **Career Closet**
  - **We are looking to prioritize donations and reexamine current donations**



# FOOD PANTRY FOR NMU

- A project by Connor Loftus – Vice President of ASNMU
- The survey was completed in February and the results have been collected
  - Can't share everything here, but just a taste: **61% of respondents were missing meals due to finances alone**
- The results are for faculty, staff, and students
- Looking at a possible room in Gries Hall, working on the process of creating a plan for what to accomplish throughout the next academic year





# OUR FUTURE

- A referendum of the Student Activity Fee will be called for next Fall
  - Every Directly Allocated Group will have a chance to request changes in their funding
- There will be a unique question on the ballot: A one dollar fee for sustainability on our campus, called a **Green Fund** (Thanks Georgia Harrison!)
- **ASNMU's** recruitment and retention efforts will be increased
- We want to start engaging students more, getting their feedback
- We want to start working with administration more to advertise and implement University Forums so students participate more



## RECOGNITION TIME...

- I want to finish with a big thank you to the Board of Trustees, President Erickson, and the administration for your help and support for ASNMU this year
- **The ASNMU Outstanding Representative this year is Maggie Hartman!**
- **We won Organization of the Year! For passing Indigenous People's Day Resolution and increasing campus awareness of ASNMU**
- I want to thank all the members of ASNMU for a great year, and I look forward to another year working with our new and old members, as well as the NMU administration and the entire student body!

# THANK YOU!

- Questions? Comments? Ideas? Criticism? We want it all!

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